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# SECRET PACT WILL SAVE TEAMS



Peter Katholos (centre, partly obscured), being mobbed by his team-mates after his winning goal.

All the fuss and bother, not to mention last-minute drama about relegation appears to have been largely contrived to deceive the soccer public.

Last week we found out from a number of reliable sources that the 14 PSL clubs for many months have had an "understanding" not to enforce the relegation of any team.

One rather suspects that the ASF has been aware of this deal, even if in an unofficial capacity.

If the ASF executive on October 6 still wants to drop any of the relegated teams, it will face an open revolt.

"This time the clubs will stick together," one official told us.

"I don't think there is a chance for a double-cross."

Another official also admitted that he had known about the "understanding" for months, probably as early as March.

"And I don't think it's unfair or shady either," he said. "In NSW, for example, we don't even know where a team would be relegated to," he said.

"How could you allow a club, which has invested money, time and work in the PSL, to drop into a total uncertainty?"

"Even people hanged know where they will fall through the trapdoor; we don't."

A third club official also defended the secret, undocumented and verbal pact.

"If there hadn't been such an 'understanding,' some of the threatened clubs would have invested their money differently, making sure they are not relegated."

"Perhaps they would have concentrated less on youth development or on ground improvements."

All this makes some sense—but only some.

The danger is quite clearly that such cozy 'understandings' can be repeated year after year and that 1979 will always be regarded as a precedent.

If clubs feel that because of secret deals they are safe from relegation, they will regard it as a licence to keep

running their affairs as poorly as they wish.

The loser, of course, will be the soccer public, watching sub-standard teams managed by sub-standard officials.

And heaven only knows, we have had more than our share of this in 1979...

Let us also recall that some of the very same officials who now "logically" defend a secret pact to safeguard teams from relegation, were the champions of the 1956 breakaway in Sydney, bravely leading the storming of the barricades of the old

association.

And the most bitter and common grievance then was that the association didn't believe in automatic promotion and relegation, thus depriving keen, ambitious lower division clubs from playing in the top division.

It took only 23 years to forget these principles...

In the Philips League, promotion and relegation were to be introduced after the initial three years, with no ifs and buts.

It seems that this has now

been postponed for at least a year—if not longer.

The ASF should bear in mind that the viability of the PSL depends entirely on its competitive nature and the standard it can produce.

Easy insurance against self-inflicted tragedies will create a league where the top four or five clubs play in earnest while the others keep going through the motions.

And that, surely, cannot be the aim of either the ASF or that of Philips Industries, the generous sponsors of our national championship.

—By Andrew Dettre

## Rasic v. Blanco in Philips Cup final

Two former companions and still good friends, Rale Rasic and Raul Blanco will lead their respective teams into battle in Sunday's Philips Cup final in Adelaide.

Adelaide City will take on the visitors, St. George at the Olympic Sports Field.

The Saints could do with some tonic, after their worst season since 1968 when they finished second last in the NSW First Division.

Perhaps a win in the Cup may give them the confidence basis on which to rebuild for next season.

Both coaches and teams will seek some consolation for a disappointing season.

Rasic, on joining Adelaide City earlier this year, had all but promised to make them the leading lights of the PSL.

Meanwhile his former club, Marconi, with whom he tried so hard in 1977 and 1978, now won the PSL championship under Les Scheinflug.

Will success again avoid Rasic, the man who chases it perhaps with more zeal and zest than any other coach?

Against Newcastle in the semifinal, the Saints proved to be tremendous cup-fighters.

If they win, they will have gone close to repeating history: last year Brisbane City took out the Cup while they finished last in the PSL.

A lot will depend on the fitness of the two teams on the day.

## DEANS IS OUT

Adelaide City's Philips Cup final stocks have plummeted with the suspension of their ace striker Dixie Deans.

To make it even worse, midfielder Brian Northcote is also out with a double injury—an ankle and groin.

Deans carried his penalty points over the maximum 12 when he was yellow-carded for dissent during the match against Brisbane Lions on Sunday.

City manager-coach Rale Rasic may plug the gap by using Jimbo Muir as central striker on Sunday.

The big Scot played up front for 20 minutes last week when he replaced Gary Marocchi.

Rasic could also bring wing-striker Chris Kent into his starting line-up.

Kent was relegated to the reserve bench last Sunday as a disciplinary measure for failing to attend training during the week.

He joined the action against Lions for a brief four minutes after he was called on to replace young Charlie Villani.

—A. Crisp.

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## 'ROOS ON FAST JET TO CHINA: NOV. 6

The Socceroos' month-long tour of Asia starts only two days after the second leg of the Philips Top Four final.

The Australian team will leave Sydney on November 6 and arrive in China the following day.

The Chinese Football Association have advised that the match dates will be November 10, 13, 16, 18 and 21—five in 12 days, a fairly hectic schedule involving long distance travels.

The match venues will be Peking, Shanghai and Canton.

On November 22 the Socceroos go through Hong Kong to Seoul and play South Korea twice, on November 24 and 27.

The final tour match will be against the Phillipines in Manila on December 2.

## PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

### AGGREGATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	BP	TP	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) MARCONI.....	26	15	6	5	58	32	36	4	40	13	7	4	2	25	16	18	13	8	2	3	33	16	18
2 (2) HEIDELBERG.....	26	14	7	5	44	30	35	1	36	13	8	4	1	21	12	20	13	6	3	4	23	18	15
3 (3) SYDNEY CITY.....	26	15	3	8	48	30	33	1	34	13	6	1	6	25	22	13	13	9	2	2	23	8	20
4 (4) BRISBANE CITY....	26	14	5	7	38	30	33	1	34	13	8	2	3	22	11	18	13	6	3	4	16	19	15
5 (5) ADELAIDE CITY....	26	13	6	7	43	27	32	1	33	13	6	3	4	18	14	15	13	7	3	3	25	13	17
6 (6) NEWCASTLE.....	26	11	9	6	43	30	31	1	32	13	7	4	2	24	12	18	13	4	5	4	19	18	13
7 (7) WEST ADELAIDE....	26	10	4	12	28	31	24	1	25	13	6	2	5	17	11	14	13	4	2	7	11	20	10
8 (8) APIA.....	26	11	3	12	29	37	25	—	25	13	6	2	5	15	16	14	13	5	1	7	14	21	11
9 (9) BRISBANE LIONS....	26	8	6	12	28	40	22	—	22	13	5	1	7	18	24	11	13	3	5	5	10	16	11
10(10) FOOTSCRAY.....	26	8	3	15	29	43	19	1	20	13	5	1	7	17	20	11	13	3	2	8	12	23	8
11(11) ST.GEORGE.....	26	7	6	13	27	43	20	—	20	13	3	4	6	13	21	10	13	4	2	7	14	22	10
12(12) CANBERRA.....	26	6	8	12	25	41	20	—	20	13	2	4	7	12	24	8	13	4	4	5	13	17	12
13(12) OLYMPIC.....	26	7	5	14	23	30	19	—	19	13	2	3	8	8	15	7	13	5	2	6	15	15	12
14(14) STH.MELBOURNE...	26	6	3	17	26	45	15	1	16	13	4	2	7	19	18	10	13	2	1	10	7	27	5

BP: Bonus points for wins by 4 goals or more.  
TP: Total points.

Cosmos are finding their touch on their current tour.

After their initial match in Hong Kong against the local club team Seiko, a 3-3 draw, on Monday night they beat a Hong Kong All-Star team 6-0.

Meanwhile, it looks as if 32-year-old entrepreneur Ralph Lynch will provide some of the touches that have been so often lacking in the promotion of Australian soccer.

For the Cosmos match in Sydney, being handled by his firm International Artists, there is no end to the promotional possibilities.

The Cosmos players are to appear on Australia's most popular talk shows - Mike Wegen and Don Lane.

In addition a special media party has been arranged for the Sydney Hilton.

The attraction of the Showground for the Sydney match on Wednesday October 24, is that there are 20,000 covered seats - as against only 3,000 at the Sports Ground.

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The winner of the Phillips-Soccer Press Jointly sponsored Australian Player of the Year award will be announced at a special function on November 1 at the Oberon Adelaide Centre.

Previous winners of the award were Jimmy Rooney (1977) and Kenny Boden (1978).

The Player of the Year is decided by the votes of members of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

Assisting in the arrangements, apart from the media and the main sponsors, Philips Industries, are TAA, the official PSL carriers, Josiah Wedgwood and Goldair Travel of Melbourne,

Wedgwood will present a beautifully crafted vase valued at \$1,000, especially made in England for the occasion.

Goldair will give the winner

a trip to London for the Cup final.

Umbro International have awarded an overseas trip to the winner of the best published soccer action photo of the year.

Master of ceremonies will be the ABC's Martin Royal, vice-president of the NSW branch of ASPA.

• Mike Ferguson, an experienced coach, is interested in coming to Australia. Ferguson played more than 250 for Blackburn Rovers. He also coached in Sweden and Iceland and is a fully qualified English FA coach. He can be contacted at 39 Wilkie Avenue, Burnley, Lancs., England, phone: Burnley 33601.

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#### PEPSI STATE LEAGUE

##### GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	16	9	1	54	23	41
Monaro	13	8	5	55	38	34
Sutherland	12	7	7	44	23	31
Blacktown	13	5	8	45	36	31
Melita	11	8	7	41	34	30
Avala	13	3	11	39	40	29
Auburn	11	4	10	41	39	26
Mv.Olympic	8	8	10	33	35	24
Parramatta	11	1	14	27	45	23
Bankstown	9	4	13	32	32	22
Ku-ring-gai	6	10	9	29	38	22
Manly	6	7	13	23	34	19
Arncliffe	6	5	15	29	45	17
Yugal	5	5	16	21	43	15

##### GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	22	2	2	75	12	46
Bankstown	14	5	7	53	30	32
Blacktown	14	5	7	33	27	33
Melita	12	7	7	36	22	31
Croatia	14	3	9	40	29	31
Arncliffe	10	8	7	32	27	28
Auburn	10	6	10	31	34	26
Parramatta	9	7	10	31	27	25
Ku-ring-gai	9	7	9	34	31	25
Mv.Olympic	7	7	12	25	46	21
Monaro	6	5	15	27	42	17
Avala	7	2	16	26	46	16
Yugal	—	4	20	8	72	4

##### GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	19	4	21	62	7	42
Auburn	16	5	3	50	19	37
Bankstown	13	8	3	38	27	34
Manly	15	5	4	68	18	35
Parramatta	11	7	6	39	31	29
Ku-ring-gai	11	6	7	47	22	28
Blacktown	8	7	7	39	33	23
Arncliffe	8	4	11	30	33	20
Croatia	6	4	14	28	44	16
Mv. Olympic	5	6	13	24	54	16
Avala	4	4	15	28	66	12
Melita	2	7	14	21	46	11
Yugal	2	5	16	15	74	9

##### FIRST DIVISION GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St.George	20	4	4	77	22	44
Nth.Sydney	16	7	5	46	26	39
Wollongong	17	5	6	48	33	39
Sydney City	16	3	9	59	38	35
Polonia	14	6	8	59	36	34
Revesby	13	6	8	52	32	32
Nepean	13	2	13	59	41	28
Uni NSW	10	7	11	46	41	27
Marconi	11	5	12	47	44	27
Belmore	8	9	11	29	53	25
APIA	9	6	13	38	52	24
Warringah	6	7	15	26	53	19
Blacktown	6	6	16	29	67	18
Olympic	6	4	18	22	44	16
Queens Park	4	3	21	26	75	11
	4	2	22	26	68	8

##### GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St.George	19	5	4	80	27	43
Marconi	17	5	6	66	27	39
Belmore	15	8	5	48	27	38
Revesby	15	5	8	47	43	35
Wollongong	15	4	9	58	52	34
APIA	11	10	6	35	33	32
Sydney City	13	9	4	41	33	31
Nth.Sydney	13	4	11	45	36	30
Uni NSW	12	5	11	54	41	29
Nepean	11	7	10	52	48	29
Blacktown	7	5	16	30	59	19
Polonia	6	5	17	32	53	17
Olympic	6	4	18	22	44	38
Warringah	4	3	21	26	75	11
Queens Park	4	2	22	26	68	8

##### GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Olympic	21	6	1	86	22	48
St.George	21	3	4	103	17	45
Marconi	20	4	4	74	27	44
Revesby	19	3	6	57	30	41
APIA	16	6	5	59	21	38
Nepean	15	5	8	61	44	34
Belmore	13	5	10	60	48	31
Wollongong	11	3	14	42	54	25
Sydney City	7	9	11	34	23	23
North Sydney	8	6	14	35	45	22
Queens Park	7	2	19	32	75	16

# OLYMPIC PLEDGE TO WAKE UP NEXT YEAR

Sydney Olympic and their predecessors, Pan Hellenic, have known nothing but frustration for 18 long years.

Ever since winning their way into the NSW First Division in 1961, they have been striving, in vain, to win anything—a competition, cup or final of any sorts.

They have had some fine teams and outstanding players over the years: enough if one mentions only Mavropoulos, Loukanidis, Westwater, Brian Smith, Pearson, Blitz and Cole from the past.

And yet, success—which the club's passionate fans would have wanted more than anything else—has eluded them.

For most of the time, they have been leading a nomadic existence, playing where they could, often as sub-tenants; this year they settled on Pratten Park, an old, rather neglected suburban oval which needs a lot of attention to resemble a cozy soccer ground.

Throughout the years, they have been also suffering from an almost acute shortage of able administrators who could have built up some sort of infrastructure.

These last two years, they have been losing not just matches but also their crowds, too.

Although a top Greek-based club in Sydney has the potential to draw up to 10,000 spectators—Greek is about the largest ethnic community in Sydney—Olympic this year would have been happy with a third of that.

In 1979, despite the arrival of some extremely useful players—Eaton, Jennings, Scott, Rowden—they have been struggling throughout.



Alec Jamieson

Instability.

The original Sydney quota was four clubs: Marconi, St. George, Hakoah and Western Suburbs, with not a serious thought given to Pan Hellenic.

Then Arthur George must have had second thoughts, probably in the hope that his protege, John Konstantine, a polished, urbane and progressive young city solicitor, as the club's new president, can shake things up.

But can he?

Last week—before their crucial 26th round match—we spoke to him about Olympic's problems and future.

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—What is the club's intention if it is relegated?

—We will apply for re-admission, of course and I am pretty sure we will be retained. I feel that none of the teams will be relegated.

—What will happen next year?

—I can tell you now it will be a different story. We will start a complete re-organisation of the club at once.

—Do you agree that there is some stigma attached to being relegated, even if you are eventually bailed out?

—Yes, I agree. But that's one thing; it's another to be actually put out.

—How can you avoid a repetition of this type of crisis you have just faced?

—We don't want another crisis. I believe that we won't face another one. But I also agree that unless we can bring some success to our club, we would have to seriously consider discontinuing in the Philips League.

—Potentially your club is the biggest drawcard in Sydney; now the average attendance is less than 3,000. How can you remedy this?

—Even this year, with some slight success, we had once a crowd of 8,500. And that's the level we will try to aim at as an average, not as an exception. Of course, for this we need success.

—You have had all sorts of experiments with administrators and these didn't work. Can't your club find some capable, younger men for key posts?

—It's not a matter of finding anybody; it's the system that needs to be changed. We will have to divide our committee into three basic groups, to be in charge of social functions, the licensed club and of soccer. Now it's all combined and we've got too many people trying to do the same job or not doing any well enough.

—What about the coaching situation? I take it that John Xipolitas is only a temporary solution?

—Yes, he is. I expect to make an appointment immediately the season is over, in about four to five weeks. We have a man in mind right here in Australia but if he is unavailable, we will consider one of the two Germans recommended by Rudi Guten-dorf.

—What about a manager?

—I expect the management to be combined with coaching;

we don't want to split the functions again. I will not have any part-time committee member handling the job.

—How does the Greek community feel about the failure of Olympic this year?

—Naturally, they are quite disappointed. The majority still understands that this year at least we got ourselves a ground, a clubhouse and also a very promising young team, perhaps the youngest in the PSL. I think everybody is looking forward to next year. At the same time, the signs are very clear that unless we have above average success in 1980, we stand to lose a lot of our support further.

—Has the local Greek language Press been very critical of your management?

—At times they printed some criticism. But during the year as a whole, they have not been too outspoken against the club because, I think, they realised the problems we had.

—What's Olympic's financial situation?

—This is probably the first year that we end a season without being in the red. Now we have to start working towards a successful team. I realise that we cannot be the sleeping giants for ever; if you stay asleep too long, you may die. That's the challenge that we face. We'll awake in 1980.

—We believe that due to an 'understanding' among the PSL clubs, it is unlikely that any team will be relegated. Is that correct?

—I can't comment on that.

—But do you agree that the entire promotion and relegation rule is still somewhat confusing and that this state of affairs may reflect poorly on the participating clubs?

—Don't blame the clubs. We sat down many times to discuss things like that only to be told by the ASF that our jurisdiction doesn't stretch that far.

—How can the clubs lack such muscle?

—The five Sydney PSL clubs have no say at all in the NSW Federation. And we have no direct representative on the ASF executive either.

—Is this why, for example, the bonus point issue went against the clubs? I believe all 14 voted against it. And if they did, how was it pushed through?

—To make a major stand in that case would have meant the tearing up of the ASF constitution and could have led to a break. Clubs didn't want that, so they accepted the order, against their better judgment. A break would have been most damaging to the game as a whole.

# PSL NET WIDENING

More NSW cities are suddenly appearing in the pipeline as possible future PSL applicants.

Two of these are a combined club from Liverpool-Campbelltown and another one from Penrith.

Discussions are now being held in both cases.

Each area has a population of about 200,000 and a location which could meet ASF guidelines.

Nepean (now Penrith) official George Churchward believes it's time for the club to plan ahead.

"Our organisation would welcome a soccer promotion such as Gosford had about a month ago," he said this week.

"This is a growth area with city status and the City of Blue Mountains is just next door."

"We have our own licensed club and on top of that we would get substantial sponsorship if we were in the PSL."

Penrith's bid to hold its own young players received a boost when the club gained a \$30,000 three-year grant from the Penrith Leagues Club recently.

Strangely enough, Nepean District's director of coaching is Denis Adrian, who worked side by side for years with the man who is making it all happen on the South Coast, Bill Vrolyks.

Latest figures for Nepean record almost 6,000 players and that is after a big contingent were hived off to help the new Blacktown Association.

The first signs of a Liverpool-Campbelltown bid could be classed as even more interesting.

Long-standing Campbelltown and Camden coach and enthusiastic official Alan Street believes that the Campbelltown Rugby League effort to enter the soccer scene has galvanised local soccer fans into action.

Another official said that the area would work flat out for a big promotional match on the Gosford pattern.

Liverpool—the very name oozes of soccer images—is one of Australia's most historic cities.

It boasts huge retail, commercial and industrial centres and its combination with the State's fastest growing residential area, Campbelltown, is a dynamic development.

But not only that; Campbelltown and Liverpool link well with Wollongong, the soccer city about to be revived.

Amongst the growth mining areas of Burratorong, Camden, Picton and The Oaks, there is many a soccer fan waiting to support a big club.

-Keith Gilmour

**After years of neglect and chaos:**

# SAINTS REACH ROCK BOTTOM

St. George, once the giants of Sydney soccer, escaped relegation in the very last round of the season.

Never before in their history have they sunk so low as this year; what went wrong and what is likely to go right for them?

In their three years of PSL soccer, St. George have been gradually and progressively sliding towards the bottom: 6th in 1977, 7th in 1978 and now the calamity of 1979 cannot be put down to continuous sheer bad luck.

The club must have seen the danger signs if not in the first year then in the second for sure and yet they failed to react.

The likely explanation is that the club was far too preoccupied with the building of the stadium to pay too much attention to soccer.

If so, somebody should have informed them that the PSL is mainly about soccer, not only buildings.

Roy Cotton: a valuable arrival.

grandstand and floodlighting is one thing; the running of a soccer club is quite another.

In this latter respect the Saints have been on a gradual decline for years, ever since Frank Arok and then John Warren left them.

Neither on the coaching nor on the managerial side have they been able to find any successor of the same calibre and so followed an incredible series of muddles in the selection of key personnel.

The activities on the transfer market have merely aggravated the situation.

Out of court settlements with departed or sacked managers cost them a packet: in two cases alone these amounted to impressive five-figure sums.

Then there was the "Abonyi-Affair," an unhappy incident which has further widened the schism within the club.

In a stubbornly stupid contract wrangle, over the sum of about \$1,000 a year or even less, the Saints let manager Manfred Schaefer sell Abonyi, probably the club's most valuable player and their last Hungarian-born star, a long-time favorite of most of their supporters.

Within a year Schaefer was also sacked—but this couldn't bring Abonyi back.

To fill the gap, they turned around and found a replacement for Abonyi, in Rudi Gnabi—giving him a contract almost three times higher than Abonyi had.

Last year, with the team getting close to the bottom under the management of Ilya Takac, they called in Joe Vlasits for the second part of the season; with his help and the invaluable contribution of Ralph Coates, the Saints climbed out of trouble and finished in a respectable position.

Then the club let Vlasits and Coates both go...

Against all considered advice, they imported from Budapest a new manager-coach in Joe Gelei, a quiet, pleasant and dedicated yet weak man without

adequate English and without the Arok-type explosive nature to stand up to some of club's executives.

Then Gelei and the club committed a joint blunder: they trained hard throughout November and December the first team squad; by March they had a bunch of tired, jaded players.

Joe Gelei: unhappy choice.

They sacked Gelei and replaced him with Raul Blanco—but the irreparable harm was done.

It's unfair to blame the players for the team's 1979 failure; neither can one accept the fact that the Saints lacked suitable material.

One wonders what a better organised and better run club would have been able to achieve with players such as Utjesenovic, Gnabi, Cotton, O'Connor, Harris, Fraser, the two O'Sheas and some of the others.

The majority of transactions on the transfer market also backfired.

In the last few seasons St. George have released Mark Jankovics, Terry Smith, Attila Abonyi, Roberto Echeverria and Joe Palinkas, any of which could have been an asset for them, too.

They also negotiated and bid but for some reason or other failed to sign a host of top players: Greg Woodhouse, John Kosmina, Terry Butler, Eddie Krnecic, Joe Senkalski, Jamie Paton,

Kenny Reed and some others. The reinforcements of the last two seasons failed to provide the much needed boost.

Last year the Saints imported three players from Portugal and Spain—and few fans ever saw them in action, let alone will remember their names.

Tonanez and Acosta have returned to Europe and the third, coming to Sydney under false pretenses and probably with a false identification, has vanished into thin air.

From this year's crop only Mike Fraser, Roy Cotton and Rudi Della Picca have really made the grade; two other English players, Duarte and Matic are either in the second team or not playing at all.

But the most stunning blow to the Saints must have been their failure to attract "Australians" to their matches.

Despite considerable efforts and expenses and the presence of a "marketing director" St. George have never been accepted by their chosen district as their own team, either at Hurstville or at Barton Park.

At the same time, the club has alienated a large section of its old Hungarian supporters, so now they have neither making one wonder for whose benefit that splendid little stadium has been built?

No matter what happens in the next few weeks, the acute embarrassment and painful humiliation of 1979 will linger on for years within the club and specially among the hardcore supporters of the team.

What's worse, there is very little hope that things will be much different for them next year or the year after.

The Saints need a lot of fresh blood to bounce back into what they once were, one of Australia's finest club and most brilliant team.

And most of the transfusion is needed in the management, not just in the team.

—Andrew Dettre



Dave McIntosh

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APIA	2(1)	CANBERRA	1(1)	OLYMPIC	0	HEIDELBERG	3(2)	ADELAIDE CITY	2(0)	BRISBANE CITY	2(0)	NEWCASTLE	3(3)
STH.MELBOURNE	1(0)	SYDNEY CITY	3(1)	ST.GEORGE	1(0)	MARCONI	2(2)	BRISBANE LIONS	0	WEST ADELAIDE	0(0)	FOOTSCRAY	0

**Goals:** 1-0 Drews (23m), 1-1 Ristovski (47m), 2-1 Stone (72m).

**APIA:** Woodhouse 4, Skellern 3, Pullen 3, O'Donnell 4, Wilson 4, Dempsey 3, Rampanti 4, Butler 3, Drews 3, Stone 4, Reed 3. Coach: R. Richards.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE:** Laumets 4, Pye 3, Kalafatidis 4, Lutton 4, Baxter 4, Wright 3, Davidson 3, Christopoulos 3, Ristovski 4, Evans 3, Campbell 3. Coach: J. Margaritis.

**Referee:** K. Allan (ACT); **Crowd:** 750; **Caution:** Evans.

South Melbourne made quite sure of gaining the wooden-spoon by going down to APIA instead of achieving their only hope of winning a bonus point.

It was a strange match, completely dominated by the high wind which seemingly upset all players on both sides.

APIA took the lead in the 23rd minute when Robbie Drews broke through to score.

South Melbourne drew on level terms two minutes after the interval when George Campbell sent in a hard drive which goalie Greg Woodhouse was only able to punch away and there was Mendo Ristovski, following up, to hammer the ball home.

APIA's winner came in the 72nd minute when Terry Butler passed to Peter Stone who gave the goalie no chance.

South Melbourne also had the ball in the net in the 53rd minute when Stuart Baxter headed past the goalkeeper but another player had been flagged for offside.

The first half really belonged to APIA and they had enough chances to be well ahead at the interval.

However, their attack lacked bite and they were unable to take advantage of their territorial superiority.

As early as the first two minutes APIA could have scored but first Butler and then Drews finished off good moves with weak shots.

In the 9th minute Rampanti took a corner and his ball appeared to be going into the net but the big wind swept the ball past the far post.

South Melbourne also had a great opportunity in the 30th minute when Ristovski sent a wild shot high over the bar.

The second half was a complete reversal; it was APIA's turn to defend and they were lucky to keep the visitors down to one goal.

Ristovski was the most dangerous Melbourne attacker but Lutton and Kalafatidis also did well for the Victorians.

Former Socceroo captain Peter Wilson again had a solid game for APIA and was well supported by O'Donnell.

— E.de Mesquita.

**Goals:** 1-0 Moulis (23m), 1-1 Trenter (26m), 1-2 Trenter (61m), 1-3 Trenter (75m).

**CANBERRA CITY:** Hoszowski 4, Moulis 4, Hogg 3, Williams 3, Byrne 4, Cant 3, Rees 3, Kawalewa 3, McLaren 3 (Davies 78m), Farrell 3 (Al. Rees 85m), Brown 3. Coach: V. Fernandez.

**SYDNEY CITY:** Clarke 4, Mullen 3, Kershaw 3, O'Connor 3, Stevenson 3 (Thompson 80m), Bruce 3, Watson 3, Barnes 4, Silva 3, Trenter 5, Souness 3. Coach: G. Chaldi.

**Referee:** C. Bambridge; **Crowd:** 1680; **Cautions:** Kawalewa, Byrne, Bruce, McLaren.

With coach Vic Fernandez off in Melbourne on a searching mission, and with Stark and Milovanovic both unable to play, Canberra still began well by taking the game to Sydney City.

In the 6th minute a header by Williams was parried by Clarke and the Sydney defence looked a bit disorganised while in their attack Silva was shackled by an aggressive Moulis.

The first half was an open affair with both teams spraying long passes across the pitch creating plenty of excitement for the small crowd — the smallest at Bruce Stadium.

Moulis grabbed the first goal in a goalmouth scramble but Trenter hit back three minutes later. Until the interval Sydney City appeared strangely quiet and relied on long-range shots at goal, easily handled by Hoszowski.

Meanwhile Canberra, under the temporary care of assistant coach Petar Vidovic, showed plenty of aggression and enterprise.

However, the second half saw the home team fall apart as Sydney City began to apply the pressure.

Only when McLaren chipped over the bar after 47 minutes did Canberra look dangerous.

The second half belonged to Sydney City. Trenter, using his height, and power, converted two good chances.

A cross from the right saw Trenter climb high to head home his second goal and then in the 77th minute he capped a great display by rounding Brown and Hoszowski to score again.

Despite a flurry of last-minute replacements Canberra couldn't be revived to reduce the leeway.

They should have built up a one or two goal margin in the first half when they played better than any time in the previous two months.

Canberra have collected only 8 points in the entire second round, truly a sad record which must be improved upon next year if the club wants to win back its dwindling support.

— P. Kunz.

**Goal:** Katholos (74m.)

**OLYMPIC:** P. Wilson 3, McIntosh 4, Laing 3, Bell 3, K. Wilson 4, Cross 2, Scott 2, Raskopoulos 2 (Rowden 83m), Jamieson 3, Kousas 3 (Eaton 74m), Jennings 2. Coach: J. Xipolitas.

**ST.GEORGE:** Fraser 4, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 4, Della Picca 4, R. O'Shea 4, Gnavi 2 (Hensman 52m), Katholos 5, J. O'Shea 3, Cotton 2 (Mihajlovic 46m), Fenoughty 3, O'Connor 4. Coach: R. Blanco.

**Referee:** S. Mellings (Vic); **Crowd:** 2103; **Cautions:** McIntosh, K. Wilson, Jamieson, Gnavi, Hensman, Fenoughty.

In near doomsday weather — with gusty winds and dark skies — a much more composed St. George always looked the winner.

The first 29 minutes went uneventfully, both teams playing sub-standard stuff, vindicating their lowly position.

Then things began to liven up: Ken Wilson saved a Fenoughty shot on his line and he repeated the trick just on halftime from an O'Connor drive.

In the second half the Saints took over almost completely and it was only a matter of time before they scored the goal which saved them from relegation — or at least an application.

Through the energetic promptings of Peter Katholos and the speed of replacement Peter Hensman, the Saints set the terms for the rest of the match.

The turning point was coach Blanco's astute use of subs: at halftime he took off the indisposed Cotton and in the 52nd minute he pulled off Gnavi who was getting into some terrible private wars and ran the risk of expulsion.

In the 74th minute Katholos, the best man on the field, received his due rewards for a day's toil as he smashed home a mean, low drive from some 20 metres — a young Greek-born boy sinking Olympic.....

With nothing to lose, Olympic made some desperate attempts to equalise and went close.

First Jennings headed over the bar in the goalmouth, then Eaton found the sidenet with a shot and finally, in the 90th minute, Ken Wilson's close header missed narrowly, with the goalie going the wrong way.

Then, in injury time, O'Connor's shot was cleared on the line by Bell for the third such amazing Olympic escape during the afternoon.

St. George would have been unlucky not to win this crucial, face-saving match as they were easily the better of the two teams.

— A. Dettre.

**Goals:** 1-0 Russell (4m), 1-1 Jankovics (6m), 1-2 Campbell (7m), 2-2 Paton (34m), 3-2 Paton (55m).

**HEIDELBERG:** Banovic 3, McMillan 4, Tansey 5, Rooney 5, Taylor 4, Campbell 3, Yzendoorn 4, Bannon 4, Cole 4, Paton 4, Buljevic 4. Coach: M. Poulikakis.

**MARCONI:** Maher 3, Brogan 3, Degney 4, Russell 4, Prskalo 5 (Selvage 41m, 3), Henderson 4, Byrne 3, Jankovics 4, Sharne 4, Krnecic 4, Lindsay 3. Coach: L. Scheinfleug.

**Referee:** D. Campbell (SA); **Crowd:** 5,630; **Cautions:** Degney, Bannon.

The healthy crowd of 5,630 could have been greatly increased if the competition right next door at Number 2 Oval had not been Essendon, the State League club with the largest following.

However, Heidelberg and Marconi promised so much and duly delivered the goods in skills, excitement and goals.

Three goals in the first seven minutes set the seal on what proved to be one out of the box, and ranks high as a crowd pleaser - plus, this year.

Marconi impressed early with their speed and accuracy, but Heidelberg were not bemused by all this and instituted their own attack after four minutes.

Russell raced alongside Cole who was endeavouring to get a shot in and Russell only succeeded in stroking the ball past Maher.

Marconi immediately set things moving through Henderson, who pushed a long through ball to Jankovics who drove to the far corner of the net at the sixth minute.

Heidelberg settled down after this and some classy football was being played by both sides, with plenty of entertainment for the crowd.

Tansey and Rooney were excelling, and it was Tansey who tested Maher and found him spilling the ball for Paton to accept the gift readily at 34 minutes.

Misfortune came Marconi's way when Prskalo went down in competition with Cole, and after pushing the ball for a corner received a knock resulting in him being carried off.

Selvage went on, with Henderson taking over the main defence.

The second half was 10 minutes old when Rooney, Tansey and Buljevic put on a fine display of interpassing with Paton poised for action and duly connected to put Heidelberg in front once more.

It was discovered after the game that Prskalo had a severely bruised shin bone, so the fortnight's spell should be beneficial.

**Goals:** 1-0 Perin (57m), 2-0 J. Nyskohus (58m).

**ADELAIDE CITY:** Marshall 6, Russell 5, B. Nyskohus 5, Perin 4, Dods 4, Marocchi 4 (Muir 70m), Muniz 4, Villani 4 (Kent 86m), Northcote 4, J. Nyskohus 4, Deans 4. Coach: R. Basic.

**BRISBANE LIONS:** Lounds 4, Ontong 4, Hermitson 5, Bennett 4, Lavelle 4, Connor 3 (Anderson 72m), Ogden 3, Millman 4, Hughes 4, Fairbrother 3 (Lawrie 72m), Brennan 4. Coach: M. Carson.

**Referee:** R. Lorenc (NSW); **Crowd:** 3,200; **Cautions:** Deans, Ontong.

This was one of Adelaide City's best performances of the season, yet the mood in their dressing room after the game was one of intense gloom rather than elation.

The City players were low in spirit because they had failed to qualify for the Top Four series, but still there was much to admire about the way they tried to achieve that objective.

The stubborn Lions proved worthy adversaries as they battled manfully to avenge their 6-0 hammering in Brisbane.

But City were all class as they threw their considerable resources into chasing an elusive bonus point which would have taken them into the Top Four.

City were so superior after the goalless first half that if it were a boxing match, the referee would have had to stop the contest.

The home team discarded the frustrations of an offside-ridden first term, when they scored twice within two minutes.

Captain John Perin notched the first goal in the 12th minute when he utilised his ambidextrous skill with a free kick from just outside the box.

Perin smacked a right foot drive past Lions goalkeeper Nigel Lounds after his left foot free rebounded from the defensive wall.

Then the tall winger sent a cross against Kambas but got a "second bite" and swing the ball high over to Lowe who feinted as if to shoot then cleverly rolled the ball to Campbell who wasted no time in hammering it home from close range.

City will have to put more chances away if they are to make an impression in the Top Four play-offs.

And as City tossed caution to the wind Lions were suddenly presented with a succession of breakaway scoring chances.

It was then that City's young goalkeeper Peter Marshall proved his un-doubted ability with three world-class saves from Alan Hughes, Tony Brennan and 16-year-old substitute Clark Anderson.

West Adelaide, last year's champs, looked as if they were glad it was the last match for the season.

— A. Crisp.

**Goals:** 1-0 Echeverria (55m), 2-0 Campbell (89m).

**BRISBANE CITY:** Wishart 3, Perry 3, Ratcliffe 4, Potter 3, (Echeverria 35m), Wilkinson 3, Coyne 4, Pimbrett 3, Gaffney 4, Lowe 4, Campbell 5, Kelso 2. Coach: N. Saftich.

**WEST ADELAIDE:** Crook 4, Honeyman 3, Jones 3, Kambas 3, Tymczyszyn 3, Dooley 3, Boyle 4, McCullough 2, (Pantsaras 63m), Kosmina 2, Norris 2, McGregor 3 (Batchelor 73m). Coach: T. Forde.

**Referee:** T. Davies (NSW); **Crowd:** 3100.

**Brasbne City**

progressed into the Top Four at the expense of a West Adelaide side that played with all the attributes of the modern soccer outfit: skill, precision, patience and composure but never at any time looked like scoring a goal.

Perhaps it would be kind to say they didn't really have much to play for but "big money" men Kosmina and Norris were disappointing to say the least, even more so when considering that defensive general Potter had to leave the field after 27 minutes with a serious head injury his place being taken by "novice sweeper" John Coyne.

At the other end of the field West Ad's big men Jones and Kambas were having nightmares against the irrepressible Campbell who was wonderfully aggressive and almost unstoppable in the air.

The diminutive Lowe gave Honeyman a roasting and although the giant Kelso had a match he'd rather forget he did manage to have a hand in both goals, a worthwhile contribution by any standards.

The first came when he laid a lovely ball back into the path of replacement Echeverria (looking more like his old self) and he carefully curled an 18-metre shot just wide of the diving Crook.

Then the tall winger sent a cross against Kambas but got a "second bite" and swing the ball high over to Lowe who feinted as if to shoot then cleverly rolled the ball to Campbell who wasted no time in hammering it home from close range.

City will have to put more



# PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE '79



## BODEN MOVES

Sydney City took an important step towards restoring their fortunes when they signed Newcastle's Ken Boden this week.

Talked about as possible drop-outs from the Philips League, Sydney City's management took a new lease on life after their big game in Gosford on September 1.

The Boden transfer worked out at about \$25,000 — in the form of \$20,000 cash and an estimated \$5,000 for Trenter's transfer.

Ironically, both Boden and Trenter scored hat-tricks last weekend for their "old clubs".

Said Newcastle secretary Paul Trisley: "Canberra offered \$30,000 but Ken wanted to join Sydney City."

"In view of his fine service to us we were prepared to fit in with his request and release him for a lesser sum".

Newcastle have their eyes firmly glued on a couple of overseas players to help meet their growing ambitions for 1980.

Trenter, 21, accepted Newcastle's revised terms, and should prove an asset to the club, especially as he is showing improved skills on the ground as a forward to add to his formidable heading power.



## OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE

### PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

#### THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

#### PHILIPS CUP FINAL:

Adelaide City v St.George ..... Olympic Field 2.30pm

#### NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Marconi v Heidelberg ..... Marconi Stadium 3pm  
Brisbane City v Sydney City ..... Perry Park 3pm

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Sydney City v Marconi ..... Marconi Stadium 3pm  
Heidelberg v Brisbane City ..... Olympic Park 3pm

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Heidelberg v Sydney City ..... Olympic Park 8pm

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Brisbane City v Marconi ..... Perry Park 3pm

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## THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Nereo Saftich, Brisbane City: "We out-played West Adelaide in every department and but for the brilliant Martyn Crook in their goal we would have won by a much greater margin than we did. My Man of the Match award goes to Roberto Echeverria who was brilliant when he came on".

• Tom Forde, West Adelaide: "We were beaten by the better team on the day. We came here to prove we could play football and, although we did, the boys never lifted their game where and when it mattered but perhaps that is understandable when you consider our league position".

• Les Scheintlug: "The loss of Prskalo had a big influence on the result as he was in fine fettle until injured".

• Marconi left for Auckland on Monday for their Wednesday night clash with New Zealand National League champions Mt.Wellington on Wednesday night. The match is an excellent tonic for the players in preparation for their Philips Top Four series.

• St.George have arranged a full broadcast of Sunday's Philips Cup final from Adelaide, through the 5 DN-2GB network; the broadcast will be only to the clubhouse.

• Former Marconi midfielder Billy Millen, 29, is now with the Los Angeles Skyhawks, together with ex-Elizabeth (S.A.) player Alan Sproates.

• Doug Utjesenovic is likely to spend three months or so in the off-season playing in Hong Kong; there is a chance that some of his St.George team-mates will go with him.

• A Sunday newspaper will stage a special "Australia" v "The World" match on October 10 at Redfern Oval, with the players being drawn from PSL clubs. The curtain-raiser will be between the Press — Radio — TV.

• Jim Mangopoulos, president of Heidelberg United, last Sunday spoke highly of the morale of his players this season, particularly during the hectic period of six games in three weeks.

• Former coach of St.George, Croatia and Canterbury, Laurie Hegyes is keen to return to coaching again next year. The former Hungarian first division player retired from the game temporarily a few years ago because of business commitments. His phone is 856 897.

• Phil Luckett, the Olympic utility player, has been on the sidelines for some eight weeks now, suspended by his club after having put in a transfer request.

• Vic Fernandez missed last Sunday's match in Canberra as he was in Melbourne checking on some potential reinforcements for next year.

• A crowd of 22,000 saw Fiji lose the Oceania Football final 3-0 to Tahiti in Fiji recently. News in local soccer circles is that former Australian coach Jim Shoulder might be coming out from England to do some coaching in the area.

• The Newcastle crowd of 7422 last Saturday took their total attendance to 132,994 for the 13 home matches, for an average of 10,222 for 1979.

• Newcastle go to Canberra on Sunday for the Prime Minister's Cup in Bruce Stadium. When the teams met in the first leg earlier this year, Canberra forced a 2-2 draw at the Sports Centre.

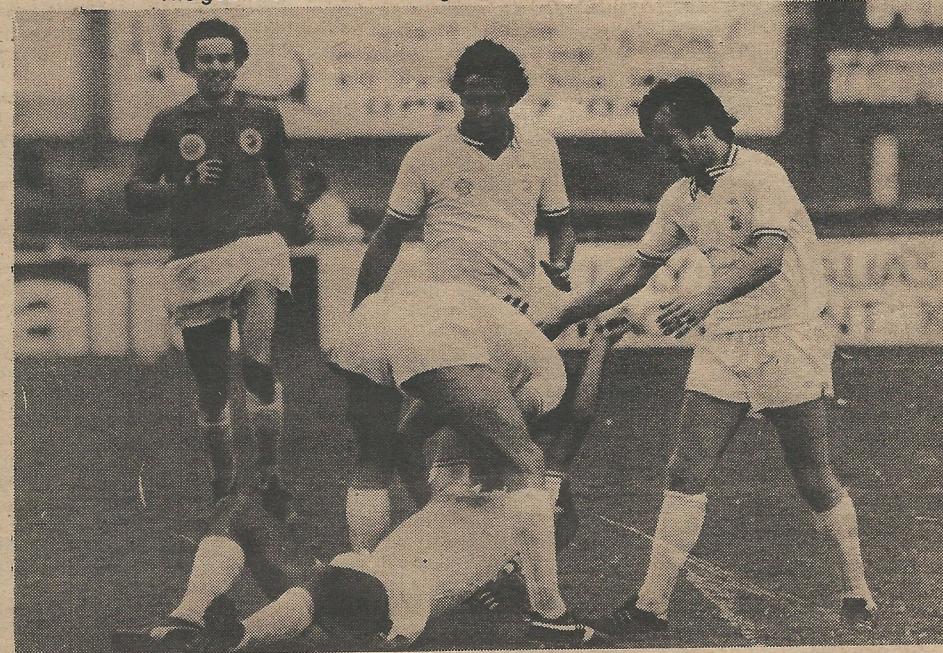
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## TOP PSL SCORERS

JANKOVICS (Marconi)	18
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	13
BODEN (Newcastle)	13
LOW (Bris.City)	12
SMITH (Sydney City)	10
COLE (Heidelberg)	10
SHARNE (Marconi)	10
PATON (Heidelberg)	10
BRENNAN (Bris.Lions)	9
BYRNE (Canberra)	9
DEANS (Adel.City)	8



The goal that saved St.George from relegation...



...and the scorer, Peter Katholos kissed to the ground.

## SCOREBOARD

### PSL

WEST ADELAIDE	SYDNEY CITY	S. MELBOURNE	MARCONI	HEIDELBERG	BRIS. LIONS	ST GEORGE	OLYMPIC	APIA	ADELAIDE CITY	NEWCASTLE	FOOTSCRAY	CANBERRA	BRISBANE CITY
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3-0	★ 2-0	0-4	1-3	1-1	3-1	3-4	2-3	2-3	2-0	3-0	2-1	0-1	
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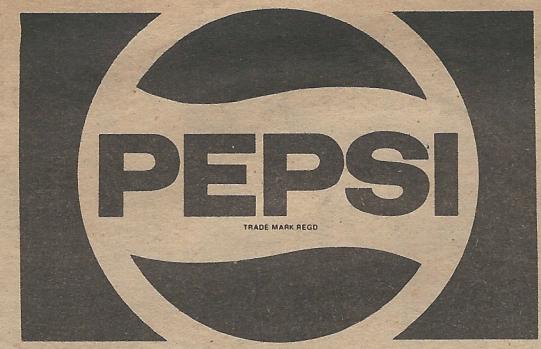
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# PEPSI STATE SOCCER

## CONFIDENTIAL REPORT



"It is distressing for me to say, but we really did aim to win the State League this year," said Dave Dorian of Ar-ncliffe Scots.

"Distressing, because of the position we did end up in, though I'm happy we escaped relegation."

"I think every club must, in their hearts, start the season hoping that this could be 'the year'."

"It certainly was with us," Dave said.

"We did achieve some things, though. We entered three teams in the Federation Youth Leagues and they all performed reasonably well."

"It was an experimental move for us, and hopefully we will build upon it," Dave added.

"The organisation of the club didn't change much, though the formation of the supporters club did help with running fund-raising events."

"I don't think even relegation would have been a death knell for us. But we have the ability and 'youth' on our side to learn from this season."

"I feel we will have to concentrate on building a team which can keep us in the State League and provide a base for future years."

"Ku-ring-gai's formula seemed to work this year to a large extent, and I think it would be the one to copy."

"We definitely would have to go onto the market and look for at least three players - because we will almost certainly lose that many at the close of the season," Dave said.

### AUBURN

"Our aims were to get all three teams into the semi-finals," said Auburn president Ron Bowman.

"We had never achieved that before in our history - and this year we missed out by a whisker."

"However, we did achieve some important things."

"We have been promoting youngsters, and we now have two youth internationals on the books."

"Also, we have shown that it is possible to run a club on a shoe-string budget."

"I don't think there were any major changes to the running of the club this year, but next year will be a different matter."

"In 1980 we intend putting the cleaners through the club's administration."

"We want to co-ordinate the whole running of the club, from juniors up to first team."

"Of course the format of the State League next year will have a great bearing on the direction that co-ordination will take."

"We don't plan any buying sprees," Ron said.

"We have enough youth here in our district and if we don't use some of the great talent available we would be guilty of criminal neglect," he added.



"Our aim was to make the top four," an Avala official said last week.

"Some of our club members felt we could have gone all out on the title, but to us, consolidating ourselves as a

team in the higher echelons of the League was the main task.

"I think this was basically achieved."

"The administration of the club was first class this year, ably lead by Mrs. Gavrilovic as club president."

"Her committee was also a keen group, and managed the club very smoothly."

"Next year we will definitely aim for top four again - and who knows, with the experience picked up this year, we could aim even higher."

"As to whether we will get new players, that is hard to answer."

"One doesn't know if players will leave, or if they will all remain."

"We have had a very solid team this year and it would be a pity to lose the core of the side," he said.

"However, if it came to the crunch, I feel we would have to enter into the players' market, because our youth policy has only just begun and hasn't had time to bear fruit," he added.

### B'TOWN

"We wanted to establish ourselves firmly in the competition, and not have to worry about relegation tussles," said a Bankstown official.

"We did not want to be caught up again in a gut-wrenching struggle for eight months to avoid relegation - we wanted to be in a comfortable position at the end of the year."

"I think we achieved that," he said.

"We also strengthened our club at the grass roots level with the junior teams."

"The club administration did not change much."

"It ran the club efficiently, without any fuss, and got us smoothly through the year."

"Our aims for next season will quite definitely be to take a step further up the table, and aim for top four status."

"We will build on the present side, and we may add a player or two, but it depends on the coach's preferences," he said.



"Simply put our aim was to make the semi-finals," said Blacktown City's secretary Peter Thorn.

"Secondary achievements were getting the second team into their semi-final series."

"There were no changes in the running of the club - there was no need to interfere with a system which was working well," he said.

"If we are in the State League next year, our aim will be to go higher."

"That will depend, however, very much on the PSL's decision," Peter added.

"Whether we are in the PSL or in the State League will mean different things in relation to the team."

"The present squad will need only a little tightening up for next year's State League, but could require a major overhaul for PSL standards," he said.

"Our aim was to make the top four," an Avala official said last week.

"People may not believe me when I say it, but our number

For this, the last State Report of the season, we asked the various club representatives how they felt about the season.

We put five questions to each spokesman/woman.

These are the questions:

1. What were the club's hopes and aims before the season?
2. Do you think you achieved these aims?
3. Did the overall club administration and organisation change or improve in 1979?
4. What are your aims for 1980?
5. Will the club be entering into the player market to any extent for the next season?

one aim this year was not to go out and win the State League," said Croatia secretary Peter Lukun.

"Our main aim was to consolidate a team of young players in our first team."

"We wanted to develop a young side instead of paying out huge sums to replace the big name players we lost at the start of the year."

"I think we achieved our aim — and then some."

"We did build a young, talented side, and we won the premiership."

"I don't think there is any more we could have asked of our coach or the players."

"As far as the administration of the club goes, I feel there were some dramatic improvements."

"We faced up to the fact that it was about time we settled down and established ourselves around a ground."

"We have signed a 10-year lease with the King Tomislav club, and this was through the hard work of our committee and supporters."

"As for the future, it is hard for us to say what will happen."

"If we don't make the PSL, then we will continue with our program to build up the club's youth."

"Although we had a good crop of youngsters this year, we saw that with a few injuries we became rather depleted."

"In reply to the last question, I don't see any need for Croatia to enter the buying market."

"We may lose a few players, but there are enough talented kids coming through for us to easily keep our high standard of soccer," he said.

"We have spoken often of our aims for the season which were basically to consolidate ourselves in top soccer," said Ku-ring-gai's coach Frank Malone.

"At times it looked like we might make the top four, but these were just fleeting glimpses and I was not totally 'destroyed' that we missed out."

"Perhaps the most pleasing thing for us was that at no stage did we ever fall into the relegation zone, and we were never considered relegation candidates," he added.

"The running of the club was as smooth as could be expected, considering we don't have our own club house or ground."

"As for next year, I think we must aim higher; it's no good saying we must consolidate further."

"We have done that, and we can't afford to muck around and let others get ahead."

"We have the potential to make top four next year, and deep in my 'coach's' heart I would like to think that even possibly a title challenge would be on the cards."

"I think we may have to look around for some more experienced players to back up the squad, but they won't be included at the price of a talented young player."

"Neither will a youngster keep them out just because of age - there are no old and young players, just good and bad ones," Frank said.

"And it could have easily done so - had it not been for a major blow half way through

"People may not believe me when I say it, but our number

the year which knocked the stuffing out of the team at a crucial period and cost us our place in the semi-finals.

"I think the things we did achieve though were the consolidating of Melita as a powerful State League force, and the increasing of our support."

"That is a very important point, because our support built up this year - which was very heartening even during our 'dark period,'" Emmanuel added.

"Our administration was changed a little, but only for the better."

"Everything ran smoothly this year, and we worked well with groups like the supporters club to raise money to finance the team."

"We hope the system will continue next year," he said.

"Our aims for next year are going to be very much the same as this season."

"We will once again set out to win the title."

"But we also will have another task, to perform well and build up a powerful team to back our concerted bid for PSL status in 1981."

"The club is not at present thinking of entering the buying market, though we expect at least one top player from Malta next year," he added.



"The aims of our club were to improve on last year's performances, to consolidate our position in the State League, to promote the club in the district, and to promote State League soccer in general," said Monaro's Wendy York.

"We think we achieved all of these aims."

"Certainly we tried very hard to implement them all, and anyone looking back over the year would be hard pressed to find fault in what we did and achieved."

"In the running of the club, we streamlined the administration."

"The soccer committee has been administrating the club efficiently, due to a more professional approach adopted after the initial 'outing' last year."

"First and foremost in our minds, the aim of the club must be to maintain a high standard of soccer by the club team."

"That is after all, what the game is about."

"Too many clubs have forgotten about this fundamental concept - we hope we never do," she said.

"As to new players, the club is always on the lookout for good players who can improve our side."

"We will never buy a player just for the sake of having another on the staff."

"We will only buy if a particular player suits our team needs," she said.

### P-MATTA

"This was the first year we ever thought we could make the semis," said Parramatta's coach Bob Wall.

"We started out determined to keep well away that fear of always being near the relegation zone."

"I think the positive approach of the players helped, aided by the dramatic change of atmosphere in the club midway through the season."

"The whole set-up of the club received a boost with the name change and the resultant new broom within the club itself."

"Administration has

become more clear-headed, policies are more realistic, and there is an atmosphere within the club of success - something which has been missing for years.

"I think we more than amply fulfilled our ambition of avoiding relegation worries."

"That will be our aim next year too, to avoid the fear, and keep on winning and aim once again for the top four."

"We want a strong squad for next season, and we will definitely be going into the player market during the off-season."

"Don't worry, we won't be going overboard, for we just don't have the funds."

"But the addition of a few high quality players will do the team the world of good for next year," Bob said.

### SUTHERLAND

"We wanted to be number one — but the team didn't come up to expectations," said Sutherland's Laurie Haynes.

"We aimed at winning in all three grades, but that proved beyond us."

"There are reasons for the 'downfall' but they are too many to talk of here."

"There were some satisfying things in the season though, such as making the semis in the last moment."

"Our club administration changed little."

"To some degree we tried new and varied promotions, but they seemed to have little effect."

"Perhaps they were misdirected, but we will try new ones next year."

"The committee was as hard working as ever, and I don't think any fault can be found in it," he said.

"What we want for 1980 is to have the club settle down a little."

"Perhaps we have become too anxious for success on such a scale that our ambitions are outstripping the potential of the players."

"Possibly next year I can see us losing four of our present team, and we may have to settle down to allow new blood to fit into a new side."

"Our youth policy has been good enough for years, and we have plenty of kids to tap into," he said.

### YUGAL

"What can you say - we started the season fully expecting that this would be 'our' year, when we would rise from the doldrums," a disappointed Yugal official said.

"Now we are last, and will, we assume, be relegated."

"There is no denying the fact that most of our supporters and officials are shattered."

"We had never thought this would happen this year."

"The only thing we achieved this year was the setting up of our club house in the city."

"But the gloss has been taken off that project by the results on the field."

"Our administration did what it could under difficult conditions, and I don't think there was much more they could have done to save the team," he said.

"We don't know what will happen next year, and as a result we don't know which players will stay with us or move on."

"That will all be decided later this year," he said.





## PEPSI STATE SOCCER

AVALA v BLACKTOWN 3-2(1-2)

Quick to take advantage of the wind, Avala attacked strongly and forced several corners. After six minutes they were ahead when Kodor beautifully headed Bateman's corner into the net. The early onslaught unsettled Blacktown; Parkhouse and Campbell were forced to defend strongly. Once in their stride, however, they took the wind and their opponents by the scruff of the neck with Izatt heading home Taylor's cross, and then Harding scoring from penalty. Leading comfortably, Blacktown came out in the second half expecting the wind to do the work for them. They were soon in trouble as Avala relished the conditions with the ball coming to them. Avala were soon on level terms when

Bateman's corner was headed across the face of goal for Patterson to score. Blacktown had no answer to Avala's quick passing and when a weak clearance came to replacement Murphy he made no mistake with a flashing 25 metre shot.

**AVALA:** Ahrens 4, Bateman 4, Deller 4, Barton 3, R. Griffith 4, Williams 3, Patterson 3, Rinjak 3 (Murphy 46m), Jones 3, Kodor 4, Moorcroft 4.

**BLACKTOWN:** James 3, Pena 4, Taylor 3, Campbell 4, Parkhouse 4, Hormazabal 3, Harding 4, Thompson 2, Izatt 4, Ortega 3 (De Velle 72m), Pearson 4.

**Goals:** 1-0 Kodor (6m), 1-1 Izatt (19m), 1-2 Harding (pen. 29m), 2-2 Patterson (54m), 3-2 Murphy (58m).

**Referee:** P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 273.

— A. Henderson.

SUTHERLAND v KU-RING-GAI 1-0(0-0)

Sutherland kicked off into a strong breeze and played intelligently and prudently to contain the Ku-ring-gai attack. They appeared content to hold the first half to 0-0, but on the resumption it was a different story. Sutherland failed to take advantage of the wind and their attacks appeared confused and tended to stall. This gave the Ku-ring-gai defenders time to cover up, and the chances that came Sutherland's way were wasted. The transformation came when John Stoddart, who had been out of the team for some time due to injury, replaced Bobby Smith, who had himself played an excellent first half but appeared to tire. Stoddart proved the in-

spiration that the team needed and the shots almost found the net. Then, with eight minutes remaining, a ball was held in the wind. Peter Beggs gained possession and shot into the corner of the net.

**KU-RING-GAI:** Taylor 5, Williams 2, Wheatley 3, Robertson 3, Chambers 3, Vouzen 3, Geekie 2, Hardaker 2, Herron 5, Firrell 4, Smith 3.

**SUTHERLAND:** Criggs 4, R. Smith 5, Dal Forno 3, Schumann 2, Hall 5, Meades 3, Beggs 4, Basterfield 4, Harrington 5.

**Goals:** 1-0 Beggs (82m).

**Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 312.

— G. De La Scerri.

YUGAL v ARNCLIFFE 0-0(0-0)

Arncliffe staved off relegation at the expense of Yugal in difficult conditions at Concord Oval. In the first half both teams found the wind hard to handle. Yugal had the better of play, but they did not capitalise on the chances they created. Both teams then settled, and the crowd was entertained by some fast football as the ball swung from end to end. In the 56th minute disaster struck for Yugal. Rex Perry took a low corner to the near post for Arncliffe. Yugal cleared off the line, but back to Perry's feet, and his high swirling ball went into goal. Yugal began a series of attacks as Duarte and Martinez tried to cut through the Arncliffe defence. Arncliffe

'keeper Rogers managed to keep his goal intact, as the Yugal supporters were certain that Lady Luck had deserted them.

**YUGAL:** Konstantinos 4, Radovac 3, Tanoski 3, Coton 3, Przemelja 3, Duarte 4, Rodas 3, Delaney 3, Morsello 3, Martinez 3, Travini 3.

**ARNCLIFFE:** Rogers 4, Blackburn 3, Smart 3, Martin 3, Perry 3, Oldham 3, Tracey 3, Marchant 3, Sheldy 3, Schroeder 3, Muscovitis 3 (Butcher 5m).

**Goals:** 0-1 Perry (65m).

**Referee:** B. Wilkinson. **Crowd:** 503.

— E. Morrison.

MARRICKVILLE v PARRAMATTA 1-2(0-0)

Parramatta deserved their win over Marrickville in an ordinary game. In the 10th minute Allistar Link went close for Parramatta with a header that just missed the post. Parramatta goalkeeper Ian Barker did well to clear a left wing cross from Greg Brown in the 25th minute. Marrickville opened the scoring in the 53rd minute when George Bosgnos netted from eight metres following another good centre from Greg Brown. Parramatta drew level in the 61st minute when Link collected a loose ball in the box and beat Ali El Zein from 10 metres. They went ahead nine

minutes later when Tim O'May headed a great goal from a Henry Selfridge free kick taken out on the right.

**Goals:** 1-0 Bosgnos (53m), 1-1 Link

**MARRICKVILLE:** El Zein 3, G. Brown 4, Doyle 4, Penman 3, Sheldrick 2 (Pettas 71m), Kable 3, Wignall 3, Bosgnos 3, R. Brown 3, Thompson 4, Ramisch 2.

**PARRAMATTA:** I. Barker 3, Selfridge 4, Bigland 4, Lackey 3, O'May 5, Barron 2, Morrow 3, Scamperle 2, Link 3, G. Barker 4, Mitchell 3.

**Goals:** 1-0 Bosgnos (53m), 1-1 Link (61m), 1-2 O'May (70m).

**Referee:** G. Power. **Crowd:** 205.

— D. Morrison.

AUBURN v BANKSTOWN 1-3(1-1)

Norrie Porter scored one goal and set up a second to enable Bankstown to defeat Auburn 3-1 at Gabbie Stadium. Porter's goal came from a bad clearance from Auburn goalkeeper Ron Gibsonne. The defence stood flat as Porter pounced to put the ball into the net in the 85th minute. The swirling wind made conditions difficult, but sound midfield work from either side kept the game very much alive. A 20-metre shot from Kevin Dobson put Auburn ahead, but a move from Morrison to Daley to Tansley was hammered into the net for the equaliser. Auburn had a great second half chance through Vic

Juchniewicz. Porter scored and then set up Bankstown's third goal, which Shane Wilson pushed past the stranded Gibsonne.

**AUBURN:** Gisbourne 3, Cornet 3, Woods 2, Fairclough 3, Dobson 3, McDonald 4, Juchniewicz 4, Montgomery 3, Tilt 3, Field 3 (Leak 65m), McCranor 3.

**BANKSTOWN:** Greedy 4, Thompson 3, Lynch 3, Beater 3, Rootsey 3, Morrison 3 (Peck 58m), Porter 4, Lee 4, Tansley 4 (Wilson 85m), Buttel 3, Daley 3.

**Goals:** 1-0 Dobson (25m), 1-1 Tansley (29m), 1-2 Porter (85m), 1-3 Wilson (89m).

**Referee:** G. Warne. **Crowd:** 214.

— D. Morrison.

MELITA v CROATIA 1-2(1-1)

Melita bowed out of the semifinals when they were edged out by champions Croatia. In front of one of their biggest crowds of supporters this season, the Eagles created enough chances playing against the wind in the first half to wrap up the game. Despite the wind, both teams played some superb football, both sides using their skills giving the appreciative crowd value for their dollar. Bruno Cagaj and Marian Kovacic were tops in midfield for Croatia but they were matched kick for kick by Vernon Darvill and Colin McCausland making some great opening up front. Donny Allan was unlucky not to find the net when he eluded the Croatia defence in the 14th minute to

head the ball into an empty net but his goalward header was stopped on the line by Tom Basic. Attil Abonyi was marked out of the game but for one moment the master eluded his shadow and that was the end of Melita's hopes of playing in this year's semi-finals.

**MELITA:** Bracklow 4, McDonald 4, Miklas 4, Yamine 4 (Farrugia 72m), Hadley 4, Darville 4, Parker 4, McCausland 4, Allan 3, Griffith 4, Jones 3.

**CROATIA:** Watson 4, Troha 3, Mullen 4, Basic 4, Smith 4, Cagaj 4, Rezo 3, Savor 4, Abonyi 3, Kovacic 4, Cootes.

**Goals:** 0-1 Savor (20m), 1-1 Griffiths (41m), 1-2 Abonyi (63m).

**Referee:** D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 4625.

— C. Spiteri.

MONARO v MANLY 2-1(0-0)

The first half saw some fast, entertaining football with exciting moves by Monaro's forward line. However, even the best home team moves were foiled by Manly's brilliant goalie, Chris Cassettari. Manly came out strongly after interval, putting Monaro under pressure. Young reserve 'keeper Fraenznick, filling in for the injured Palec, showed he could rise to the occasion and brought off some fine saves. In the 63rd minute Nawali crossed to Chapman to put Manly in the lead. Heywood, coming on as a late replacement, once again did the trick; in the 79th minute

he went through on the wing and his pass was converted by Morsello. Monaro's winner fell five minutes later when Valeri finished off a great move.

**MONARO:** Fraenznick 5, Crawford 3, Charles 3, Santolin 4, O'Neill 3, Falzon 4, Morsello 4, Bourke 3 (Pulcini 80m), Giampaolo 4, Valeri 4, Trajanowski 4 (Heywood 73m).

**MANLY:** Cassettari 5 (Van Leeuwen 66m), Wilson 3, Doyle 3, Dick 4, Townsend 3, Stuart 4, Chapman 4, Jack 4, Nawali 5, McVeigh 3, Rogers 3.

**Goals:** 0-1 Chapman (63m), 1-1 Morsello (79m), 2-1 Valeri (84m).

**Referee:** B. Mee. **Crowd:** 1200.

— W. York.

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## SOFT WAR LOOMING?

Sponsorship is proving to stay a sticky, ticklish subject in the relations between the ASF and the NSW Federation.

The NSW Amateur Federation has had a successful sponsorship arrangement for years with Pepsi Cola.

Part of this has been the highly successful Pepsi Champion of Champions series at the end of each season.

Says Amateur Federation treasurer George Churchward: "Pepsi have always given us the best deal we could get. I can't see them being replaced."

This year Pepsi stepped into the void created by the withdrawal of Rothmans and have sponsored the NSW State League as well; there is every likelihood that they will stay on in 1980.

The ASF view is that its plans are hamstrung by a local State deal which is small on the national and international scale.

They want no hindrance to their deal with Coca-Cola which will sponsor the 1981 World Youth Cup in Australia.

So the Coca-Pepsi war which has been fought for decades in corporate boardrooms in the USA is likely to be replayed on a much smaller scale in Australian soccer next year.

# CROATIA WILL HAVE TO FIGHT

Sunday and Monday (public holiday in NSW) the first round matches will be played in the Pepsi State League finals.

Sutherland, which has

sneaked into the top four literally in the very last minute—at the expense of hapless Melita—will meet Blacktown City on Sunday while on Monday the triple champions, Croatia will face the ambitious Monaro.

Sutherland might have com-

Sutherland might have come good just at the right moment though their form is not nearly as convincing as it was a few months ago.

Blacktown have a number of highly experienced stars who may know how to handle the frisky youngsters of Sutherland.

Form is certainly on Blacktown's side though

Sutherland have been known to rise to the challenge and this is the kind they relish.

Croatia appear to have gone off the boil slightly; perhaps for too long they were the pacesetters of the Pepsi League.

Still, their win last week over Melita could be an indication that they are on their way back.

Monaro is an explosive team with the brilliant strikers, Valeri and Giampaolo forming a deadly tandem.

The young Croatia defence is certain to have its hands full with this duo.

Still, class and records seem to favor Croatia to win even if not without a struggle.

## PEPSI STATE SOCCER

### NSW FEDERATION SEMIFINALS

#### PEPSI STATE LEAGUE

Sunday, September 30

— Sydney Sportsground —

First grade: Sutherland v Blacktown. . . . . 3pm  
Second grade: Bankstown v Melita. . . . . 1.05pm  
Third grade: Manly v Bankstown. . . . . 11.30am

Monday, October 1

— Sydney Sportsground —

First grade: Croatia v Monaro. . . . . 3pm  
Second grade: Sutherland v Blacktown. . . . . 1.05pm  
Third grade: Sutherland v Auburn. . . . . 11.30am

FIRST DIVISION

Sunday, September 30

— Marconi Stadium —

First grade: St. George v Wollongong. . . . . 3pm  
Second grade: St. George v Belmore. . . . . 1pm  
Third grade: Olympic v Marconi. . . . . 11am

— Francis Park —

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Second grade: Marconi v Revesby. . . . . 1pm  
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# WORLD NEWS



Nottingham Forest began their quest to retain the European Soccer Cup with a hard fought 2-0 first round first leg victory over Swedish champions Oesters in England.

Forest's last match in Europe was also against Swedish opposition when they beat Malmoe 1-0 in last season's final.

Oesters proved equally durable, and it was not until the 52nd minute that Forest finally broke through with a 20-metre shot from Ian Bowyer.

An own goal by Hallan, 11 minutes later, could prove crucial when Forest play the second leg in Sweden next month.

Dutch champions Ajax Amsterdam, European champions from 1971-73, sounded a warning to their rivals with a blistering 8-1 away victory over Finland's HJK Helsinki.

Skipper and defender Rudi Krol, the only survivor of the great Ajax team of the early 1970s, joined in the spree with a well taken goal.

West German champions SV Hamburg, who will be spearheaded this season by European footballer-of-the-year Kevin Keegan, cruised to a 3-0 away win over Iceland's Valur Reykjavik.

Keegan inspired his old club Liverpool to triumph in the 1977 European Cup final, but the English champions face a daunting trip to Georgia next week following a far from convincing 2-1 home win over Soviet champions Dinamo Tbilisi.

Tbilisi surprised Liverpool with fast, direct attacks with top Soviet footballer Ramas Shengelia equalising at early goal by David Johnson.

Jimmy Case restored Liverpool's lead before half-time, but they failed to add any second half goals and, for the second successive year, face elimination in the opening round.

Last season Liverpool, winners of the trophy in 1977 and 1978, were knocked out by Forest.

Albania's Partizani Tirana sprung a major surprise when they beat Celtic of Scotland 1-0 in a first round, first leg match in Tirana Albania.

The Scottish champions, who were the first British club to win the European Cup in 1967, fell to a 34th minute goal scored by Agim Murati.

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## Shocks in Euro-Cups

West Germany's Bayern Munich, who won the European Cup three times between 1974 and 1976, also fared well in their away leg in the UEFA Cup. They beat Bohemians Prague of Czechoslovakia 2-0.

But there was little joy for Portugal's Benfica, another club with an impressive record in Europe. They crashed 3-1 away to Greek side Aris Salonika.

Scotland winger Arthur Graham scored the first hat-trick in the three competitions, his brilliant play helping England's Leeds United to a 4-0 UEFA Cup win over Valletta FC in Malta.

Panionios, Athens, surprise winners of the Greek Cup last season, pulled off the best result in the European Cup Winner's Cup with an emphatic 4-0 home win over the Netherlands' experienced campaigners Twente Enschede.

French league leaders St.Etienne, one of the favourites to win the UEFA Cup, were given a superb start by midfield star Michel Platini who scored in the 36th minute in Poland.

But Widzew Lodz hit back to win 2-1 with goals from the gifted Zbigniew Boniek and Ryszard Kowenicki.

Malmö, last season's shock team and finalists in the European Cup, began their UEFA Cup campaign with a 2-1 away win against Kuopion Pallotoverit of Finland.

The return matches in all three competitions will take place next week.

### RESULTS:

#### CHAMPION'S CUP:

Valur Reykjavik - Hamburger SV 0-3; FC Liverpool - Dynamo Tiflis 2-1; Levsky/Spartak Sofia - Real Madrid 0-1; Servette Genf - SK Beveren 3-1; Vejle BK - Austria Wien 3-2; Nottingham Forest - Oesters Vaxjo 2-0; FC Porto - AC Milan 0-0; Hajduk Split - Trabzonspor 1-0; FC Dundalk - FC Hibernians Malta 2-0; Partizan Tirana - Glasgow Celtic 1-0; HJK Helsinki - Ajax Amsterdam 1-8.

#### CUPWINNERS'CUP:

Glasgow Rangers - Fortuna Dusseldorf 2-1; Juventus Turin - ETO Vasas Gyor 2-0; Panionios Athens - Twente Enschede 4-0; FC Cliftonville - FC Nantes 0-1; FC Wrexham - 1.FC Magdeburg 3-2; Young Boys Bern - Steaua Bucharest 2-2; Wacker Innsbruck - Lokomotive Kosice 1-2; AC Beerschot - FC Rijeka 0-0; BK 1903 Copenhagen - FC Valencia 2-2; Arsenal London - Fenerbahce Istanbul 2-0; IFK Goteborg - FC Waterford 1-0.

#### UEFA CUP:

Bor. Monchengladbach - Viking Stavanger 3-0; FC Aberdeen - Eintracht Frankfurt 1-1; VFB Stuttgart - AC Turin 1-0; FC Zurich - 1.FC Kaiserslautern 1-3.

## CHA IS PLAYING FOR GOD

"I cannot play soccer without God," says Eintracht Frankfurt's South Korean star, Bum-kun Cha.

The early sensation of the new Bundesliga season and rated as one of the best foreigners ever to play in Germany, the tall Korean says he is in Frankfurt to make money—so that he can

gospel in Korea.

When Eintracht trains on Sunday mornings, Cha rushes off to church at 7am.

"A few years ago God saved my career," he recalls. "I had the most serious knee injury and doctors told me I should quit."

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## OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• Eintracht Frankfurt beat Israel 3-1 in a Tel Aviv friendly game; Korean Bum Cha scored a fantastic goal, getting a standing ovation from the crowd.

• Zico, happy to be back in Brazil after his self-imposed Mexican exile, says: "I don't think I will even consider an offer from Europe. I love it here in Rio."

• Uli Stielike is likely to return to Germany at the end of this season; Real Madrid have tentatively agreed with Bayern Munchen to release him for a fee of \$750,000.

• Alan Ball, back in Britain after the end of the US season, has refused to sign for Manchester City and will probably end up with Southampton again.

• Bob Latchford of Everton has announced that next season he intends to play on the Continent. "I need this to get out of the present rut," he said.

• Stuttgart's West German international Hansi Mueller was fined \$250 by his manager: during a recent match, when he was substituted, he went to the bench, tore his jersey off and threw it on the ground.

• A new star is hailed in Hungary: he is Tibor Kiss, 21, striker of Vasas and one of the six new "caps" who helped to defeat Czechoslovakia 2-1. This was the new-look Hungarian team: Gujdar, Szanto, Salamon, Kutasi, Ebedi, Tatar, A. Toth, Borostyan, Kiss, Fekete, Kuti.

• The arrival Paolo Rossi has created a mini-boom in Perugia: season tickets worth 817 million lira have been sold compared with 413 million the previous year.

• Five players were struck by lightning in an amateur match in Holland; one died, the others had to be hospitalised.

• Trevor Francis, only recently signed by Nottingham Forest for more than \$2 million, hasn't played for the team this season. Francis returned to Britain injured from the USA and this led to a confrontation with his manager, Brian Clough. Now there is a chance that Francis may be passed on.

• Newcastle, Sunderland and Wolverhampton are interested in signing Everton's winger Dave Thomas; the fee could be \$700,000.

• Zoltan Toth, young goalkeeper of the Hungarian Ujpest who recently defected while in Spain, has joined the Pennsylvania Stoners in the USA.

• Franz Beckenbauer has declined offers from three French clubs recently. His contract will expire in September 1980 and after that he is likely to accept an executive position from Cosmos and Warner Communications.

• Steve Daley is now the most expensive player in Britain: Wolverhampton sold him to Manchester City for \$2,900,000 of which he receives a five percent cut, not having asked for his own transfer. Daley, 26, is an England 'B' international.

• De Graaf, striker of the Dutch Alkmaar, refuses to play on Sundays because of his religious beliefs.

• Gordon Hill, sent off in a recent match for Derby, has also been fined \$1600 by his manager, Colin Addison.

• English club Altrincham has signed former Manchester United goalie Alex Stepney from the Dallas Tornadoes — for a nominal sum of \$100.

• Manchester United is negotiating to sign its first foreign player: he is Iranian Hedjazi, who played in last year's World Cup finals.

• Alan Simonsen, the little Dane who went from Monchengladbach to Barcelona two months ago, will make a nice living in Spain. His salary is \$200,000 a year plus \$1500 a month, \$1250 for every away win, \$1000 for every home win and \$600 for every away draw; this could add up to about \$300,000. And then he has several contracts for product endorsements worth another \$200,000 or so.

• Aston Villa's Scottish star Andy Gray has joined Wolves for \$2,800,000. Four years ago he was set to go to the German Schalke, for \$350,000 but the club president wanted to have another look and another and another....until Gray got sick of it, packed up and went home.

• The new manager of Chelsea is former England striker Geoff Hurst, succeeding Danny Blanchflower, who resigned three weeks ago.

• Cosmos technical director Professor Mazzei claims to have unearthed a true white Pele: he is Rick Davis, 20, regarded as the greatest American-born natural talent yet to emerge and now a regular with the star-studded Cosmos.

• Peter Taylor, the invaluable assistant to Brian Clough at Nottingham: "We have no primadonnas in the team, only 11 stars".

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